

January/February 2019

Happy  
New Year!

**THANKS....** To all who have supported the church this past year in pray, body, monies. With all of us pulling together we have accomplished a lot this year. We now have new furnaces for the sanctuary and Pierce Hall, the manse has been renovated, updates to bathrooms, porches of church and manse stained and a million other little things that you have done to keep the church running smoothly. Well done all!

As we start the new year, the church prepares for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> which will be held after church. Rev. Betsy Mowry has blessed us with leading us this day. After the meeting, we will post on the bulletin board in Pierce Hall and on the website the new leadership on the various committees, Session and Council. We thank all of you who have served this last year and we pray as a congregation for all of you who have stepped up to the jobs for this year. We appreciated all who give of themselves and their time to do the work of the church.



**Souper Bowl Sunday**

Here at Stephentown Federated Church we have our own version of Souper Bowl Sunday. On Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> we once again take time to help replenish our Food Pantry. As you go to the store to stock up for your "Super Bowl" festivities food, put a couple more items in your shopping cart and bring them or your cash donations to church on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## Choir News

**“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.”**

**Psalm 96:1-3**

**Worship is expressed as we respond to God’s revelation in His Word. One great way to worship is through music. There are many different opportunities to become involved in the worship ministry here at our church including choir, playing instruments during worship gatherings, and audio techs. Our goal is to, like Psalm 96 says, proclaim God’s glory among all nations. We can do that by starting right here at home. If you have a passion for praising our Lord through song, come and join us.**

I so appreciate all the time our choir spends preparing for our weekly services. It isn’t just about preparing an anthem. It’s about the music for the total service. Each person in choir has a very specific function. When one is gone the dynamics change. When two are absent that is times two. In the next few months, we are going to be short sopranos, altos or baritones at any given time. Each person tries to pick up the pieces of the one that is not present. Currently we have two sopranos in the warmth away from us. If anyone would like to join us we would love to have the extra voices. You don’t have to read music just be willing to practice with us. We meet Thursdays at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. please come and join us.

God bless  
Bev

## **SonShiners**

Meetings:

January 20th at 8am (elections)

February 17th at 8am

March 17th at 8am (Ioka Valley Farm)

We will hold our annual all Church breakfast at Ioka Valley Farm on March 17th at 8am All are welcome.

## **TABLES FOR SALE**

**We are purchasing new tables to replace the heavy wood ones. The old tables will be available SOON for \$20 each. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board for those of you who would like one, two, three? If you are paying for them with a check, make it out to Stephentown Federated Church with a memo line of: table**

## Seventeenth Annual Church Dinner!!

**You** are cordially invited to join your “church family” and many friends for fellowship and a delicious **Turkey Meal** with all the trimmings!!! Mashed potatoes, stuffing, squash, peas and carrots, and our famous **homemade pies!!** Get out and shake off the cabin fever blues. Enjoy some great cooking – see your neighbors and friends.

When: Saturday February 23, 2019

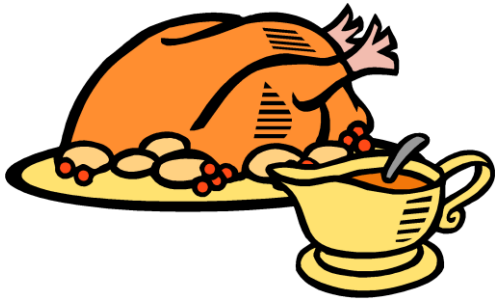
Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Where: Stepentown Federated Church Hall

Who: You, our church family and all our friends

**Goodwill offering only!!**

**Sponsored by the Men’s Breakfast Group**



**For Information call:**

**Larry Eckhardt 518-733-5137 or  
Paul McMillan 518-733-5110 or  
Ted Bears 518-728-9326**

**Note the earlier serving time, 5:00pm.**

**Do you know of someone who is “homebound” and unable to attend? Call us and we’ll try to help them with a home delivered meal.**

**BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey**

- 1. Is the book of Immanuel in the Old or New Testament or neither?**
- 2. Which Old Testament prophet said the most about the birth of Christ? Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah**
- 3. From Luke 2:2, who was governor of Syria at the time of Jesus’ birth: Augustus, Barabbas, Cyrenius, Dalphon**
- 4. What priest was told he would not die until he saw the Savior? Joazar, Matthias, Sineon, Elioneus**
- 5. Who informed Joseph that the baby’s name was to be “Jesus”? Herod, Pilate, Mary, An angel**
- 6. Herod ordered the execution of all male children at what age and under? 1, 2, 3, 4**

**The Stephentown Federated Church Men's Group  
Winter-Spring 2019 Schedule of Events**

Please join us for breakfast – first Sunday of every month. Gather with us for good food and great fellowship. The **2019** schedule is:

- February 3, 2019..... Breakfast at 8:00am Finalize plans for the Annual Turkey Dinner to be held February 23, 2019
- February 23, 2019.....Church Family and Friends 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Dinner  
Starting at 5:00pm Be on the lookout for a postcard reminder.
- March 3, 2019.....Breakfast at 8:00am Recap the Turkey Dinner.
- April 7, 2019.....Breakfast at 8:00am Planning for Easter Sunday Breakfast
- April 21, 2019.....Easter Sunday. Continental Breakfast after Easter Sunrise Service.
- May 5, 2019..... Breakfast at 8:00am Plans for spring cleanup.
- June 2, 2019.....All Church Breakfast. 8:00 Am. Last breakfast until Fall.

Our last breakfast was well attended by many members and friends. We really hope to see you all for the February 3rd breakfast meeting to finish plans for the Turkey Dinner.



**Worship Committee**

We welcome Bonnie Bates to our worship committee. We will be meeting Jan.10<sup>th</sup> to start preparation for the Lent/Easter season. We continue to deal with any issues concerning our worship time together. If you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to talk to us. The list of ministers from now through the end of April is:

- Jan 13 Rev Bob Lowenthal  
Jan 20 Rev Betsye Mowry  
Jan 27 Rev Betsye Mowry  
Feb 3 Rev Bob Lowenthal  
Feb 10 Rev Bob Lowenthal  
Feb 17 Rev Dan Daniels  
Feb 24 Rev Betsye Mowry  
March 3 Rev Dan Daniels  
March 10 Rev Bob Lowenthal  
March 17 Rev Dan Daniels  
March 24 Rev Betsye Mowry  
March 31 Rev Bob Lowenthal  
April 7 Rev Dan Daniels  
April 14 Rev Bob Lowenthal  
April 21 Rev Dan Daniels  
April 28 Rev Betsye Mowry

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thurs day</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>8:45 am choir rehearsal</b>  <b>9:30 am Service</b> <b>10:30 am Coffee Hour</b>		<b>9:30 am Heavenly Quilters</b>				<b>9:00-11:00 am Food Pantry</b>
<b>Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting After church</b>	<b>7:00 pm Gen Com 4<sup>th</sup> week of month</b>		<b>6:00 pm AA</b>			<b>Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 5 pm 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Church Dinner</b>

**Each month: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday ---Communion – Open to all**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday---Hymn Sing at beginning of service**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday---Contemporary Service – Visual screen used for readings and hymns**

**Sunday Worship Services available on our website:  
[www.stephentownfederatedchurch.org](http://www.stephentownfederatedchurch.org)**

Bible Trivia answers: 1) Neither; 2) Isaiah; 3) Cyrenius; 4) Simeon; 5) An angel 6) 2



**Come and Worship With Us!**  
**Sundays At 9:30 am**

Check out our website at: [www.stephentownfederatedchurch.org](http://www.stephentownfederatedchurch.org)

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